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  earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _05 January 2001_.
2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.
3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-26_ is/are pending in the application.
    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6)☒ Claim(s) _1-26_ is/are rejected.
7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on _05 January 2001_ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.
    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:
      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage
        application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 01/05/2001.

2.   Claims 1 - 26, are pending in this case. Claims 1, 11, 19, and 21 are independent

claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1–6, 9-14, 16-21, and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as

being anticipated by Grady et al. Pub. No.: US 2001/0056463 A1 with priority filed

on 06/20/00.

Regarding independent claim 1, Fig. 4 Grady et al. discloses a method for

removing personal information from the first electronic document (paragraph 0089 lines

1 – 3: disclosing personal document information web page Fig. 11 is displaying upon

login) produced by a document generating application (paragraph 0080 lines 1 - 3 "user

login screen"), wherein the method comprises the step of:

activating a privacy option (paragraph 0089 line 3 "user account login") provided

by the application (paragraph 0080 lines 1 - 3 "user login screen"), wherein activation of

the privacy option enables removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the first document (paragraph 0097 disclosing a web page document Fig. 11 having privacy option 226 which enable deleting a personal information 222 from the web page document of fig. 11) and (paragraph [0101]).

Regarding dependent claim 2, Grady et al. further discloses saving the first document (paragraph 0104 lines 1 – 13 *disclosing web page 11 with any personal information could be stored, [store is another term for "save"]*).

Regarding dependent claim 3, Grady et al. further discloses wherein the one or more pieces of personal information comprises an author's name, a user's name, a company name, a manager's name, a last saved by name, an e-mail address, or a combination thereof (paragraph [0101] discloses updating and changing personal information such as an e-mail address. Although, Grady et al. does not disclose "removing the e-mail address". However, removing or replacing is inherent for changing and updating taught by Grady et al.).

Regarding dependent claims 4 and 5, Grady et al. further discloses wherein the removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the first document comprises replacing the one or more pieces of personal information with generic information which is a string of letters, numbers, symbols, spaces, or a combination thereof (line 15 – 16 of paragraph 0092 *disclosing "RENAME" for renaming the name personal folder of personal web page document 11 and "rename" is another term for "replace", and the generic information: string of letters, number, symbols, spaces are inherent to rename*).

Regarding dependent claim 6, Grady et al. further discloses wherein activation

of the privacy option removes one or more pieces of personal information from the first

document (paragraph [0097] discloses a web page document Fig. 11 having the privacy

option link 226 which deletes the personal information link 222 from the document of

Fig. 11).

Regarding dependent claim 9, Grady discloses a computing system containing

at least one application module usable on the computing system, wherein the at least

one application module comprises application code for performing the method of Claim

1 (paragraph 0017).

Regarding dependent claim 10, the claim incorporated substantially same

subject matter as claim 9, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Regarding dependent claim 11, Fig. 4 Grady et al. discloses method for

removing personal information from an electronic document (lines 1 – 3 of paragraph

0089 disclosing personal document information web page Fig. 11 is displaying upon

login), wherein the method comprises the steps of: receiving input of one or more

pieces of personal information into one or more data storage fields (paragraph 0080

lines 4 – 7, See Fig. 9) in response to a request for personal information (paragraph

0089 lines 1 – 3, for disclosing personal document information web page Fig. 11 is

displaying upon login) from a document generating application (paragraph 0080 lines 1 -

3 "user login screen"); and receiving input to activate a privacy option for the document

(Fig. 11 [170, and 224, and 226] and paragraph 0091 and paragraph 0097 for

disclosing multiple privacy options); wherein activation of the privacy option enables

removal of the one or more pieces of personal information from the document

(paragraph 0091 and 0097 disclosing multiple privacy options for delete personal files,

and information on the web page document 11).

Regarding dependent claim 12, Grady et al. discloses wherein the one or more

pieces of personal information comprises an author's name, a user's name, a company

name, a manager's name, a last saved by name, an e-mail address, or a combination

thereof (paragraph [0101] discloses updating and changing personal information such

as an e-mail address. Although, Grady et al. does not disclose "removing the e-mail

address". However, removing or replacing is inherent for changing and updating taught

by Grady et al.).

Regarding dependent claims 13 and **14**, the claims incorporated substantially

same subject matter as claims 4, and are rejected along the same rationale.

Regarding dependent claim 16, Grady et al. further discloses receiving input

(lines 6 – 7 of paragraph 0089) discloses multiples inputs Fig. 11 [168, 170, 172, 174,

176, 224, 226, 228]) to enter one or more pieces of new personal information into the

document after activation of the privacy option (paragraph 0089), wherein the one or

more pieces of new personal information into the document are (a) removed from the

document (paragraph 0091, paragraph 0097, and paragraph 0101) or (b) replaced with

generic information (1) as soon as the one or more pieces of new personal information

are added to the document, or (2) as soon as an "OK" prompt is replied to by an user,

or (3) as soon as the document is closed.

Regarding dependent claim 17, Grady et al. further discloses a computing

system containing at least one application module usable on the computing system,

wherein the at least one application module comprises application code for performing

the method of Claim 11 (paragraph 0017).

Regarding dependent claim 18, the claim incorporated substantially same

subject matter as claim 17, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Regarding dependent claim 19, paragraph [0080] of Grady et al. discloses a

computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for

performing a method (Fig. 10) for removing personal information from an electronic

document (paragraph 0089), wherein the method comprises the steps of: activating a

privacy option (paragraph 0089 line 3 "user account login") provided by the instructions

(lines 4 – 7 of paragraph 0080 disclosing login account instructions 132, 134), wherein

activation of the privacy option enables removal of one or more pieces of personal

information from the document (paragraph 0097, *for disclosing a web page document*

Fig. 11 having privacy option 226 which enable deleting a personal information 222 from

the document of fig. 11).

Regarding dependent claim 20, Grady discloses wherein the method further

comprises saving the document (paragraph 0104 lines 1 – 13 *disclosing web page 11*

with any additional personal information could be stored, [store is another term for

"save"]).

Regarding dependent claim 21, Grady et al. discloses a method for removing

personal information from an electronic document created (lines 1 – 3 of paragraph

0089 *disclosing personal document information web page 11 is displaying upon login*)

by a document generating application (paragraph 0080 lines 1 - 3 "user login screen"),

wherein the method comprises the steps of: providing a privacy option (Fig. 11 [168,

170, 172, 174, 224, 226, 228); and receiving input to activate the privacy option

(paragraphs 0090, 0091, 0092, and 0097); wherein activation of the privacy option

enables removal of one or more pieces of personal information from the document

(paragraphs 0097 and 0101) or replacement of one or more pieces of personal

information with generic information.

Regarding dependent claim 23, Grady et al. further discloses comprising:

providing a prompt to input instructions to activate the privacy option upon closing or

saving the document (Col. 10 paragraph 0104, lines 12-14).

Regarding dependent claim 24, Grady et al. discloses wherein the personal

information comprises at least one piece of personal information selected from an

author's name, a user's name, a company name, a manager's name, a last saved by

name, and an e-mail address (paragraph [0101] discloses updating and changing

personal information such as an e-mail address. Although, Grady et al. does not

disclose "removing the e-mail address". However, removing or replacing is inherent for

changing and updating taught by Grady et al.).

Regarding dependent claim 25, Grady et al. further disclosing a computing

system containing at least one application module usable on the computing system,

wherein the at least one application module comprises application code for performing

the method of Claim 21 (paragraph 0017).

Regarding dependent claim 26, the claim incorporated substantially same

subject matter as claim 25, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7, 8, 15, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Grady et al., U.S. patent No. 6,275,824 B1 – Filed Oct. 2, 1998.

Regarding dependent claim 7, Grady et al. as applied to claim 2 discloses

every aspect of applicant's claimed invention except for wherein saving the first

document removes one or more pieces of personal information from the first document

when the first document is saved.

However, "saving the first document.......saved", was well known to and well

used for one ordinary skill in the art by function "save" which was used on well known

document application software such as: internet browser, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect,

Excel...etc...

Therefore, to save the information which has changing or removing or replacing

in a saved document, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art

at the time the invention was made to have utilized the function of "save" to save the

removed or changed information from the saved document.

Regarding dependent claim 8, Grady et al. as applied to claim 1 disclosed

every aspect of applicant's claimed invention except for creating a second template

document from the first document.

However, creating a second template document from the first document was well

known to and well used for one ordinary skill in the art by the function "Save as", which

was used on well known document application software such as: internet browser,

Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Excel..etc...

Therefore, to provide time-saving feature and quickly generate a second

template document having a same format as the first document, it would have been

obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

have utilized the function of "Save as" to generate a second template document from

the first document.

Regarding dependent claim 15, Grady et al. as applied to claim 11 disclosed

every aspect of applicant's claimed invention except for saving the document removes

the one or more pieces of personal information from the document with generic

information.

However, receiving input to save the document, wherein saving the document

removes or changes or replaces the personal information with generic information was

well known to, and well used for by the fuction of "save", which was used on well known

document application software such as: internet browser, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect,

Excel...ect...

Therefore, to save the information which has changing or removing or replacing in a saved document, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have utilized the function of "save" to save the removed or changed information from the saved document.

Regarding dependent claim 22, Grady et al. as applied to claim 21 disclosed every aspect of applicant's claimed invention except for receiving input to save the document if the application has a save function.

However, receiving input to save the document was well known to and well used for one ordinary skill in the art by the fuction "save", which was used on well known document application software such as: internet browser, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Excel...etc...

Therefore, to receive input to save document if the application has a save function, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have utilized the function of "save" to save the document from the save function.

Prior art

6.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

O'Flaherty et al.	Patent No. 6,275,824 B1	Date of Patent: Aug. 14, 2001
Bunting et al.	Patent No. 6,629,843 B1	Date of Patent: Oct. 7, 2003

| McDonough et al. | Patent No. 5,991,878 | Date of Patent: Nov. 23, 1999 |
| Markus et al. | Patent No. 6,490,601 B1 | Date of Patent: Dec. 3, 2002 |

Contact Information

7.   Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Dang Nguyen, who can be reached by telephone at (703) 305-1673. Normal contact times are M-F, 8-4:30.

Upon an unsuccessful attempt to contact the examiner, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon may be reached at (703) 308-5186.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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